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USDOC FOR MAJOR PROJECTS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EWWT, BTIO, TC

SUBJ: EARLY WARNING: ABU DHABI PORT EXPANSION

REF: ABU DHABI 33 (NOTAL)

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF ABU DHABI PLANNING MAJOR EXPANSION OF PORT ZAYED. IN ADDITION TO THOSE BERTHS ALREADY COMPLETED OR UNDER CONTRACT, NEW EXTENSION WILL ADD SIXTEEN BERTHS AND WILL REQUIRE EXTENSION DREDGING AND CONSTRUCTION OF LARGE NEW BREAKWATERS. ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE OF THIS PROJECT IS 1981 AND TOTAL COST COULD BE OVER ONE BILLION DIRHAMS (OVER 250 MILLION DOLLARS).

2. PROJECT CONSULTANT IS SIR ALEXANDER GIBB & PARTNERS (U.K.), WHICH HAS BEEN CONSULTANT FOR PORT ZAYID SINCE LIGHTERAGE WHARF BUILT IN 1968-69. CONSULTANT NOW PREPARING TENDER DOCUMENTS, WHICH WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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BE ISSUED IN THREE SECTIONS:

A) FIRST, THE BREAKWATERS, WHICH WILL COST ABOUT 400 MILLION DIRHAMS AND WHICH SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN, THREE YEARS. TENDER FOR THIS SECTION WILL BE ISSUED IN MID-FEBRUARY, 1975.

B. SECOND, DREDGING, WHICH WILL REQUIRE REMOVAL OF ABOUT 10 MILLION CUBIC METERS OF MATERIAL AND WILL COST 150-200 MILLION DIRHAMS.

C. THIRD, SIXTEEN WHARVES AND OTHER LAND WORK, WHICH WILL COST ESTIMATED 400-500 MILLION DIRHAMS.

TIMING OF ISSUE OF TENDERS FOR SECOND AND THIRD SECTION WILL DEPEND ON THE PROGRESS OF THE BREAKWATER CONSTRUCTION, SINCE DREDGING CANNOT BEGIN UNTIL THERE IS SOME BREAKWATER PROTECTION FOR THE OPERATION. GOVERNMENT ESPECIALLY CONCERNED THAT BREAKWATERS BE COMPLETED AS SCHEDULED IN THREE YEARS; UNUSUAL SPEED REQUIRED WILL CERTAINLY INCREASE COST OF THIS PART OF PROJECT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST COMMERCE AND INFO ADDEES INFORM QUALIFIED U.S. CONTRACTORS OF THIS MAJOR OPPORTUNITY. THOSE FIRMS WHICH RESPONDED TO DUBAI OPPORTUNITY REPORTED REFTEL MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN THIS PROJECT. THESE FIRMS INCLUDE: RAYMOUND INTERNATIONAL, HOUSTON TEXAS; KAISER ENGINEERING; SANTE FE ENGINEERING; AND VANNEL CORPORATION. FOR TEHRAN: UNDERSTAND U.S. FIRMS COMPETING FOR MAJOR GULF PORT EXPANSION PROJECTS. PLS. INFORM THEM OF THIS PROJECT AS APPROPRIATE. INTERESTED FIRMS CAN OBTAIN FULL PROJECT DETAILS FROM CONSULTANTS IN U.K. AS FOLLOWS: SIR ALEXANDER GIBB AND PARTNERS, HEAD OFFICE, STADARD HOUSE, LONDON STREET, READING RG1 4PS, ENGLAND. ATTENTION: MR. FICKLING, DOCK & HARBOR DEPT. TELEX: 847404, TELEPHONE: 0734-862-191.

4. COMMERCE PLS INFORM EMBASSY OF INDUSTRY RESPONSE. STERNER

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